

saying to them? Nothing. The other side of the aisle is turning their back on them. Let us do the one thing that we can do now that has practical benefit: Pass the unemployment insurance extender.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON).

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am very impressed with the sudden interest in the economy for the liberal Democratic Party. This is really great. I just wonder, did they not know somehow there was a recession going on in October? Did they not know in December? I mean, what were they thinking when we had these opportunities to get America back to work? I know that the other side of the aisle has a lot of constituents who they think would rather have a government support check rather than a job opportunity.

The America I know would rather be working. The America that I know wants to help those who are unemployed when they need assistance. But the America I know would prefer to be working.

Mr. Speaker, back in October we had a great bill that was passed by this House, but like the energy bill, like the faith-based initiative, like bioterrorism insurance, like so many other things that were passed to the Members across the aisle in the other body, and it was killed in the name of partisanship because there seem to be some folks in Washington who would rather have a bad economy if that helps their particular party in the polls.

I am sad that workers and American people's lives are being played with in such a callous, political manner. This is the difference between two parties, two visions. One wants to get the economy going so there are jobs, like my friend Mark, who worked for International Paper for 18 years. His father had worked for them for 28 years. He got laid off in the downsizing back in July. Fortunately for him, his wife has a job at a bakery. He is working with her right now. They are getting by, but he wants to get back to work. His corporation says this bill would help them.

Or like my friend Bill, who is a small electrical contractor employing six to eight people in Savannah, Georgia. He wants to keep those six to eight people on his payroll working, but they have got to have work out there, jobs to go to. This would give them that opportunity.

This is about real people and real jobs, people who do not have business cards, people who do not give to PACs or necessarily belong and hang out with big unions, and people who do not come to Washington, D.C., and do not consider themselves Republicans or Democrats. They just want to work.

Mr. Speaker, our bill which we passed in October would have given them jobs, would have done it in December. Now we have got our third opportunity. Do

not strike out. Do not swing unsuccessfully three times. Let us get this thing done.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to vote "no" on the previous question. If the previous question is defeated, I will offer an amendment to the rule that will allow us to vote on a clean 13-week extension of unemployment benefits.

Mr. Speaker, we will be leaving for the district work period today and will be away for the next week. We need to fix the unemployment situation for the millions of Americans whose benefits have expired or will expire in the next few months.

This is not the time to bring to the floor a whole new stimulus package that the other body will not consider this week. Let us act now and help those who are unemployed in our Nation. Vote "no" on the previous question, and help our unemployed workers now.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment just prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I tend to be an optimistic person, and I believe that three times is a charm. We have been in a recession, we found out after the fact, since last March. It seems to me if we are going to get out of a recession in a comprehensive way, we need a comprehensive plan. We cannot be putting Band-Aids on every aspect of our economy.

What has not been said at all in this debate today, notwithstanding the fact that the other side has said that the stimulus package is dead, there were two members of the majority party in the other body that were chairmen, and they said maybe we ought to relook at a stimulus package. I am optimistic that the third time is a charm in this case, and I urge the Members to vote for the previous question and the rule and the underlying bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and move the previous question on the resolution.

The material previously referred to by Mr. FROST is as follows:

Strike all after the resolved clause and insert:

That upon the adoption of this resolution the bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes, be, and the same is hereby, taken from the Speaker's table to the end that the Senate amendments thereto be, and the same are hereby, agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting, if ordered, on the question of adoption of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 207, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 36]

YEAS—216

Aderholt	Goodlatte	Oxley
Akin	Goss	Paul
Armey	Graham	Pence
Bachus	Granger	Peterson (PA)
Baker	Graves	Petri
Ballenger	Green (WI)	Pickering
Barr	Greenwood	Pitts
Bartlett	Grucci	Platts
Barton	Gutknecht	Pombo
Bass	Hansen	Portman
Bereuter	Hart	Pryce (OH)
Biggert	Hastings (WA)	Putnam
Billirakis	Hayes	Quinn
Blunt	Hayworth	Radanovich
Boehlert	Hefley	Ramstad
Boehner	Herger	Regula
Bonilla	Hilleary	Rehberg
Bono	Hobson	Reynolds
Boozman	Hoekstra	Rogers (KY)
Brown (SC)	Horn	Rogers (MI)
Bryant	Hostettler	Rohrabacher
Burr	Houghton	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton	Hulshof	Royce
Buyer	Hunter	Ryan (WI)
Callahan	Hyde	Ryun (KS)
Calvert	Isakson	Saxton
Camp	Issa	Schaffer
Cannon	Istook	Schrock
Cantor	Jenkins	Sensenbrenner
Capito	Johnson (CT)	Sessions
Castle	Johnson (IL)	Shadegg
Chabot	Johnson, Sam	Shaw
Chambliss	Jones (NC)	Shays
Coble	Keller	Sherwood
Collins	Kelly	Shimkus
Combest	Kennedy (MN)	Shuster
Cooksey	Kerns	Simmons
Cox	King (NY)	Simpson
Crane	Kingston	Skeen
Crenshaw	Kirk	Smith (MI)
Culberson	Knollenberg	Smith (NJ)
Cunningham	Kolbe	Smith (TX)
Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	Souder
Davis, Tom	Largent	Stearns
Deal	Latham	Sununu
DeLay	LaTourette	Sweeney
DeMint	Leach	Tancredo
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (CA)	Tauzin
Doolittle	Lewis (KY)	Taylor (NC)
Dreier	Linder	Terry
Duncan	LoBiondo	Thomas
Dunn	Lucas (OK)	Thornberry
Ehlers	Manzullo	Thune
Ehrlich	McCrery	Tiahrt
Emerson	McHugh	Tiberi
English	McInnis	Toomey
Everett	McKeon	Upton
Ferguson	Mica	Vitter
Flake	Miller, Dan	Walden
Fletcher	Miller, Gary	Walsh
Foley	Miller, Jeff	Wamp
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Watkins (OK)
Fossella	Morella	Watts (OK)
Frelinghuysen	Myrick	Weldon (FL)
Gallegly	Nethercutt	Weller
Ganske	Ney	Whitfield
Gekas	Northup	Wicker
Gibbons	Norwood	Wilson (NM)
Gilchrest	Nussle	Wilson (SC)
Gillmor	Osborne	Wolf
Gilman	Ose	Young (AK)
Goode	Otter	Young (FL)